St. Patrick's Day Prayer

(Based on the "Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick")

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me...
Infuse me with your presence, Jesus,
and encircle me with your grace.

C*hrist beside me, Christ to win me,*
Christ to comfort and restore me...
Walk with me along life's uneven paths, Jesus,
and heal me with your gentle touch.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger...
Solidify my trust in you, Jesus,
and shine your light upon me.

Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Show your face in all those I meet, Jesus,
and help me to embrace both friend and foe.

May the prayer of your servant, Patrick, shield my heart from cynicism and enlarge my capacity to love.

In your gracious name, Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

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